Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 03 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 04 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 03 Oct 2023 at 02:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general themes but lower for timing of improvements at the end of the week.

Headline for Tuesday 03 Oct 2023: Sunny intervals and occasional showers, briefly heavy with a small chance of lightning in the west. Strong westerly winds with summit gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 03 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
40%	70%	60%	50%	40%	20%

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Weather: A cloudy morning for most parts with showers, some heavy, and perhaps sleety on the highest tops. Showers becoming less frequent by the afternoon with a few sunny spells in between while Strathdon could stay mainly dry with the best of the sunshine. Showers mostly dying out in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% in morning rising 80% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Broken to overcast cloud in the morning with bases 800-1000m and the odd lower patch in the west, then bases rising somewhat in the afternoon with more in the way of breaks, though still occasionally down to 900-1000m in showers in the west. Away from cloud, visibility mainly good but occasionally moderate to poor in heavier showers in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	36/46 W	32/42 W	33/45 W	34/47 W	34/46 W	31/42 W	28/40 SW
900	36/42 SW	29/37 W	28/38 W	28/38 W	26/36 W	25/33 W	25/33 SW
600	23/30 SW	21/28 W	21/31 W	22/32 W	18/27 W	17/26 SW	16/25 SW
300	9/23 SW	10/22 SW	13/28 W	14/28 W	10/23 W	8/19 SW	8/20 SW
Glen	3/21 SW	5/22 W	7/25 W	7/25 W	5/21 W	3/18 SW	3/18 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-6	2/-5	2/-5	2/-6	1/-7	1/-6	2/-5
900	5/-1	5/-1	5/-0	5/-1	4/-2	4/-2	5/-1
600	8/3	8/3	8/4	8/4	7/2	7/3	7/3
300	9/6	10/8	11/8	11/8	9/6	8/6	8/6
Glen	8/7	10/9	13/10	12/10	10/8	8/7	8/7
Freezing Level*	1700m	1600m	1600m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong to gale force summit winds combined with low temperatures and showers will make it feel very cold.

Forecast for Wednesday 04 Oct 2023
Weather: Cloudy with frequently heavy showery rain, but becoming drier in the afternon and perhaps brighter too, but still some showers around.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 50 gusts 65mph, easing 35 gusts 45 in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% improving 60%

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud bases 700-900m with some lower patches to 500m, cloud more broken at times in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 Celsius rising to Plus 13 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits though only a few degrees above freezing on the highest tops.

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